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Mr. John R. Bartels, Jr.  
Acting Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Bartels:

At the request of Mr. John E. Ingersoll, then Director of  
the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The basic purpose of the assistance  
rendered by the Agency was to assist the Bureau of Narcotics and  
Dangerous Drugs in the maintenance of security in connection with  
activities directed against international drug traffic.

Concurrently with the establishment of the new Drug Enforcement  
Administration, the Agency has been asked by members of your  
staff to consider continuation of the assistance previously rendered  
the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. I have carefully  
reviewed this request in light of the prohibition in the National Security  
Act of 1947, as amended, "That the Agency shall have no police,  
subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions."  
In order to avoid any possible misinterpretation, I have determined  
that the Agency should discontinue this assistance and it is requested  
that appropriate arrangements be made to terminate the ongoing  
administrative support.

Please be assured that I intend that the Agency shall continue  
to cooperate fully with the Drug Enforcement Administration in other

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respects as we have done in the past with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs under the auspices of the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby

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